Contract system in the field of computer and information technology

†4930. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the field of computer and information technology a sort of contract system is going on nowadays and even highly educated and science students are also being exploited;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The Central Government have not conducted any inquiry on the prevalence of contract system in the field on computer and information technology. However, specific instances of engagement of contract labour in perennial nature jobs, etc in any establishment brought to the notice of the Government are dealt with in accordance with Section 10 of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 after consultation with the Central Advisory Contract labour Board.

Review of Labour Laws

4931. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to review the existing labour laws in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that in that regard;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been prepared therefor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) review/updation of Labour Laws is a continuous process and amendments/fresh legislations are made depending on the results of the review. The government has set up the Second National Commission on Labour vide resolution issued on 15.10.1999 to suggest rationalization of existing laws relating to labour in the organised sector and an umberella legislation for ensuring a minimum level of

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protection to the workers in the unorganised sector. The Commission is required to make its recommendations within 24 months from the date of notification, i.e. by 15.10.2001.

Children as domestic help

4932. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3600 given in Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 2000 and state:

(a) whether Government do consider that the media can lead a helping hand in the task of eradicating child labour from the country by creating awareness from the masses; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Awareness generation, including through media is an important component of the strategy for elimination of child labour. During the year 1995-96 over Rs. 650 lakh were released to 133 child labour endemic districts for generating awareness against child labour. As a part of the media Campaign against child labour, funds have been released to the Directorate of Audio Visual Publicity (DAVP), Song and Drama Division and Directorate of Field Publicity, during the year 1998-99 and 1999- 2000. The media strategy aims at harnessing all forms of media folk, print as well as electronic, to constructive action, in both rural and urban areas.

Rehabilitation of children engaged in Hazardous Industry

4933. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government fails to keep promise on child labour rehabilitation" as reported in The Hindustan Times dated 4th April, 2000;

(b) if so, Government have failed to rehabilitate lakhs of children who are working in hazardous jobs;

(c) whether Government have not adopted any systematic integrative approach of rehabilitation of child workers; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?